

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph that extends from the bottom of page 8 of the Specification to page 9 with the following amended paragraph:

End portions 18 and 20 project along a longitudinal axis "L" oppositely one another. Again, end portions 18 and 20 are provided with cooperative fasteners so that the free ends 41[[38]] and 40 thereof may be releasably secured together in a closed loop encircling the person's torso. As is shown in Figures 2 and 3, a panel 42 of loop material is affixed to end portion 18 adjacent to free end 41[[38]]. Similarly, a panel 44 of hook or filaform elements is secured to end portion 20 adjacent to free end 40 by on the side of support band 14 opposite panel 42 of loop material. Panels 42 and 44 should be sufficiently dimensioned so as to allow some adjustability of size for differently sized torsos. Further and though not absolutely required, it is desirable that end portions 18 and 20 be constructed of a stretchy, resilient material. This allows both size adjustment and also a resilient force pressing pouch 16 against the back of the person who wears brace 10. Two examples of suitable material are nylon fabric and poly stretch fleece. In addition, while all the cooperative fasteners are illustrated to be hook and loop fasteners, it should be appreciated by the ordinarily skilled person that a wide variety of other cooperative fasteners could be employed without departing from the scope of this invention. These include fasteners such as buckle type fasteners, snaps, hook and eyes, buttons, zippers, bayonet closures, to name a few.